



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

DECISION

ON APPROVAL OF THE DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND SUPERVISION OF THE MEDICAL RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES AND DENTAL RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES

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Vilnius

Acting pursuant to Article 3(4) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Medical Practice of Physicians, Article 3(3) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Dental Practice, Article 53(9), (15) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Higher Education and Research, and in implementing Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ L 255, p. 22), as amended by Council Directive 2013/25/EU (OJ 2013 L 158, p. 368), the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has resolved:

1. To approve the Description of procedure for the implementation requirements and supervision of the medical residency study programmes and dental residency study programmes (attached).

2. To repeal:

2.1. Resolution No 1359 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 31 October 2003 on the training of doctors, as amended and supplemented;

2.2. Resolution No 1360 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 31 October 2003 on the training of specialised dentists, as amended and supplemented.

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Government of the Republic of Lithuania
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DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND SUPERVISION OF THE MEDICAL RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES AND DENTAL RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Description of procedure for the implementation requirements and supervision of the medical residency study programmes and dental residency study programmes (hereinafter – the Description) defines the organisation, implementation, supervision, duration, functions of the coordinator and the head of the medical residency study programme and of the dental residency study programme (the medical residency study programme and the dental residency study programme hereinafter collectively referred to as the residency study programme), as well as the functions of the coordinator and the head of the residency study programme, and the resident's rights and obligations.

2. The terms used in the Description shall be understood as defined in the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Medical Practice of Physicians, the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Dental Practice and the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Higher Education and Research.

CHAPTER II ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMME

3. The duration of the medical residency study programme shall be 3-7 years. The duration of the dental residency study programme shall be 3 years. The duration of the medical residency training programme for family physicians and specialist doctors is set out in Annex 1 to the Description. The duration of the dental residency study programme for training of specialised dentists is set out in Annex 2 to the Description.

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4. The total volume of the theoretical and practical part of a one-year residency study programme shall be not less than 60 study credits.

5. The form of medical residency studies shall be full-time studies. Dental residency studies shall be full-time or part-time.

The residency study programme shall consist of a theoretical part (25 %) and a professional practice part (75 %) for the resident doctor or resident dentist (hereinafter – a resident), which shall be linked by cycles with defined objectives and expected learning outcomes (hereinafter – the cycle).

6. The right to organise and implement a residency study programme shall be conferred on universities that are granted this right by the legal acts regulating residency study programmes (hereinafter – the university).

7. The Ministry of Health, taking into account the needs of the State, shall identify the number of doctors and dentists to be enrolled in the relevant medical and dental residency study programmes and submit proposals to the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. The

number of residency places shall be planned according to the provisions of the Law on Higher Education and Research.

8. Not later than one month before the start of admission to a residency study programme, universities shall publish on their websites the number of places available for the relevant medical and dental residency study programmes and the list of medical and dental residency facilities (hereinafter – the residency base) where the relevant residency study programme is to be implemented.

9. The Ministry of Health concludes a contract with the university and the residency base for the training of family doctors, medical specialists or dentists. The contract shall provide for the allocation of State budget appropriations for the salaries of residents to the residency base, the conditions for the practical training of residents, the rights and obligations of the parties to the contract, and other contractual obligations.

10. During the professional practice of the residency study programme, the resident shall be employed as a resident in the residency base. During the resident's professional practice, the resident shall acquire specific medical or dental practice skills and clinical experience.

11. The fixed-term employment contract between the resident and the residency base for the employment of the resident as a resident doctor or resident dental practitioner in the residency base shall specify the full standard working hours of the resident's professional practice. The duration of professional practice for junior and senior residents shall be determined by the Minister for Health.

12. The resident who has completed the full professional practice part of the residency study programme at the residency base shall be issued a certificate in the form prescribed by the university, certifying the acquisition of practical skills during the cycle.

13. The procedure for the supervision of a resident, other than a resident who has been issued a Certificate attesting degree-awarding competences (hereinafter – the Certificate attesting degree-awarding competences), by the supervisor of the resident at the residency base and for the consultation of the resident who has been issued the Certificate attesting degree-awarding competences with doctors or dentists at the residency base shall be laid down by the Minister for Health.

14. The head of the residency base must ensure that patients who apply to the healthcare institution are informed that a residency study programme is available at the healthcare institution.

15. The resident who completes the cycle shall be evaluated according to the procedure established by the University.

16. A part of the residency study programme may also be carried out in other higher education institutions or their clinics, as determined by the University.

17. The procedure for conducting and evaluating the final examination of the residency study programme shall be determined by the University.

CHAPTER III RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMME COORDINATOR AND RESIDENCY SUPERVISOR

18. The coordination, organisation of and responsibility for the progress of the residency study programme shall be vested in the coordinator of the respective residency study programme – a staff member or a structural unit of the university (hereinafter – the residency coordinator). The residency coordinator shall be appointed for each residency study programme.

19. The resident's supervisor shall be a university lecturer – a healthcare professional working in the residency base and having at least 5 years of experience in the taught subject corresponding to the professional qualification. Where a cycle consists only of a theoretical

part, a university lecturer (professor or associate professor) who is not employed as a health professional at the residency base and whose field of scientific activity corresponds to the subject taught may also be appointed as the supervisor of a resident in such a cycle.

20. The supervisor of the resident:

20.1. guide the resident through the relevant cycle;

20.2. provides the resident with theoretical knowledge and practical skills;

20.3. informs the residency coordinator about the progress of the residency, the resident's violations of medical ethics, if any;

20.4. evaluate the theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired by the resident at the end of the cycle according to the procedure established by the University;

20.5. be responsible for instructing the resident, who provides health care, to carry out work or actions independently (except as provided for in subparagraph 23.4 of the Description).

21. The resident's supervisor may supervise not more than 4 residents at a time.

22. When the resident is on call at the residency base, the on-call doctor or dentist shall act as the resident's supervisor.

CHAPTER IV RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A RESIDENT

23. Rights of the resident:

23.1. to issue prescriptions according to the procedure laid down by the Minister of Health;

23.2. to refuse in writing to carry out the instructions of the resident's supervisor if the resident does not have the necessary competence and qualifications (this does not relieve the resident from carrying out the residency study programme);

23.3. to take a final exam at the end of the residency study programme;

23.4. to acquire certain competences during the residency study programme and, after obtaining a Certificate attesting degree-awarding competences, to independently practise medicine without the supervision of the resident doctor's supervisor or to independently practise dentistry without the supervision of a dental practitioner's supervisor in the residency base, according to the competence set by the Minister of Health. A resident who will not have obtained the Certificate attesting degree-awarding competences according to the procedure laid down by the University shall only be able to practise medicine or dentistry under the supervision of the resident supervisor;

23.5. to have other rights laid down in the Law on Higher Education and Research or in the Law on the Medical Practice of physicians or the Law on the Dental Practice, the residency regulation, the job description of a resident drawn up according to the model job description for residents laid down by the Minister of Health, and the medical standard of their specialty.

24. Responsibilities of the resident:

24.1. to comply with the university's residency regulation, the internal rules of procedure of the university or residency base and the legal acts governing the professional activities of a doctor or dentist;

24.2. to provide health care services according to the procedure laid down in the Description and in the legal acts regulating the activities of the resident, in the course of professional practice, including visits to patients, only after acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills and within the limits of the acquired competences and qualifications;

24.3. to respect the rights of patients and not infringe them;

24.4. to adhere to the ethical principles of medicine or dentistry;

24.5. to keep medical records according to the procedure laid down by the legal acts regulating the keeping of medical records;

- 24.6. to carry out a residency study programme;
 - 24.7. to stamp the entries in medical records and prescriptions with the personal stamp of the doctor or dentist;
 - 24.8. to be on call at the residency base if health care is provided there 24 hours a day during the cycle;
 - 24.9. to refuse to provide health care in the course of professional practice, including visits to patients, if, in the opinion of the resident, the knowledge and skills acquired by the resident will not enable them to provide good quality health care to the patient;
 - 24.10. to have other responsibilities laid down in the Law on Higher Education and Research or in the Law on the Medical Practice of physicians or the Law on the Dental Practice, the residency regulation, the job description of a resident drawn up according to the model job description for residents laid down by the Minister of Health, and the medical standard of their specialty.
25. In the case referred to in subparagraph 24.9 of the Description, the decision on the continued provision of healthcare to the patient shall be taken by the resident's supervisor or the on-call doctor or on-call dental practitioner during the on-call period (if working at night, on public holidays or on days off).

CHAPTER V

SUPERVISION OF RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES

26. Supervision of residency study programmes shall include the monitoring of the implementation of studies, internal quality assurance, external evaluation and accreditation of studies and continuous improvement of studies.
27. The university shall be responsible for the internal quality of the implementation of the residency study programme (hereinafter – the internal quality), the monitoring and the continuous improvement of the studies. The internal quality shall be ensured through the internal quality assurance system approved by the university.
28. The external evaluation and accreditation of the residency study programme shall be carried out by the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education. The procedure for external evaluation and accreditation of the residency study programme shall be established by the Minister of Education and Science.
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DURATION OF THE RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMME OF THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER OR SPECIALISED DOCTORS IN MEDICINE

1. 7 years – Cardiothoracic surgery.

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2. 6 years – Paediatrics¹.

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3. 5 years:

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- 3.1. Abdominal surgery;
- 3.2. Surgery;
- 3.3. Vascular surgery;
- 3.4. Thoracic surgery;
- 3.5. Neurosurgery;
- 3.6. Orthopaedics and traumatology;
- 3.7. Plastic and reconstructive surgery;
- 3.8. Cardiac surgery;
- 3.9. Urology;
- 3.10. Paediatrics surgery;
- 3.11. Paediatrics²;
- 3.12. Maxillofacial surgery;
- 3.13. Internal diseases;
- 3.14. Oncology – chemotherapy;
- 3.15. Emergency medicine.

4. 4 years:

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- 4.1. Obstetrics and gynaecology;
- 4.2. Allergology and clinical immunology;
- 4.3. Anaesthesiology and reanimatology;

¹ Studies of paediatrics and, in addition, one of the narrower specialities of paediatrics, professional qualifications as a paediatrician and as a paediatric cardiologist or paediatric neurologist or paediatric intensive care physician.

² Studies of paediatrics and one of the narrower specialities of paediatrics, acquiring the professional qualifications of paediatrician and neonatologist, or paediatric endocrinologist, or paediatric gastroenterologist, or paediatric oncohaematologist (the professional qualification of paediatric haematologist shall be equivalent to that of paediatric oncohaematologist), or paediatric pulmonologist, or paediatric nephrologist, or paediatric allergist, or paediatric rheumatologist or paediatric infectious disease specialist.

- 4.4. Occupational medicine;
- 4.5. Dermatovenereology;
- 4.6. Endocrinology;
- 4.7. Gastroenterology;
- 4.8. Genetics;
- 4.9. Geriatrics;
- 4.10. Haematology;
- 4.11. Infectious diseases;
- 4.12. Cardiology;
- 4.13. Laboratory medicine;
- 4.14. Nephrology;
- 4.15. Neurology;
- 4.16. Oncology – radiotherapy;
- 4.17. Pathology;
- 4.18. Psychiatry;
- 4.19. Pulmonology;
- 4.20. Radiology;
- 4.21. Rheumatology;
- 4.22. Forensic medicine;
- 4.23. Child and adolescent psychiatry;
- 4.24. Paediatrics³;
- 4.25. Clinical pharmacology.
- 5. 3 years:

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- 5.1. Dietology;
 - 5.2. Physical medicine and rehabilitation;
 - 5.3. Clinical toxicology;
 - 5.4. Ophthalmology;
 - 5.5. Otolaryngology;
 - 5.6. Sport medicine;
 - 5.7. Family medicine.
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³ Studying only paediatric diseases and obtaining only a professional qualification as a paediatrician.

DURATION OF THE DENTAL RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMME FOR SPECIALISED DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

3 years:

1. Oral surgery;
 2. Endodontics;
 3. Orthopaedic dentistry;
 4. Orthodontics;
 5. Periodontology;
 6. Paediatric dentistry.
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Amendments:

1.

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